

**M.S.A.D. #12 Policy**

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS**

The School Board and staff of the M. S. A. D. #12 School Department supports a safe and healthy learning environment for students which is free of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. This applies to regular users, nonusers, those considering use, and those affected by drugs and alcohol through family or friends. Accomplishing this goal requires a cooperative effort among school staff, students, parents, law enforcement and organizations concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youth.

In order to promote the safety, health and well-being of students, the School Board endorses a three-pronged approach to address the issue of drug and alcohol use; prevention/education; intervention and discipline.

**Prohibited Conduct:**

No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor. Nor shall a student manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any tobacco, narcotic drug/substance, hallucinogenic drug/substance, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid, any other controlled substance defined in federal and state laws/regulations, any look-alike substance, or any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance.

These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interfere with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

**Disciplinary Action:**

Principals may suspend and/or recommend expulsion of students who violate this policy, based upon the facts of each case and in accordance with established disciplinary procedures. Students may also be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution, and/or be referred for prevention education, and/or rehabilitative treatment services.

**Prevention/Education:**

The school unit will provide students with appropriate information and activities focused on educating students about tobacco, drugs and alcohol and preventing their use. Programs shall teach students that the use of drugs and

alcohol is harmful and illegal; how to resist peer pressure; and address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use/abuse.

**Intervention:**

Students will be assisted in addressing their tobacco/drug/alcohol use and/or abuse. Students will be provided with information and referral, if necessary, to aid them in obtaining assistance from appropriate community organizations. During the intervention phase, students will continue to receive assistance in their educational programming. Student records concerning such interventions shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws.

**Policy Communication:**

The school unit shall distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students and parents/guardians on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and building administrators. The school unit shall also review this policy with students on an annual basis.

Legal References:

21 USC ss 812 (Controlled Substances Act)

21 CFR Part 1300. 11-15

Pub. L. No. 101-226 (Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989)

17-A MRSA ss 1101

42 USC ss 290dd-2

42 CRF ss 2.1 et seq.

20-A MRSA ss 1001 (9); 4008

Cross Reference:

GBEC – Drug Free Workplace

JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol use by Students Administrative Procedure

JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety

JKD – Suspension of students

JKE – Expulsion of students

JLCD – Administering Medication to Students

JRA – Student Records

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